

**Greenways & Trails Council Meeting**  
**Delaware Public Archives, Dover, DE**  
**January 27, 2010**  
**9:30AM**

**Welcome & Introductions**

Paul Morrill, Chairperson, called the Council meeting to order at 9:30a.m. He invited members and visitors to introduce themselves and identify their agency.

**Approval Meeting Minutes**

Paul Morrill asked for a motion to approve the June 3, 2009 minutes as written. Peggy Koster moved to approve and Diane Wilson seconded, motion passed.

**Reports**

Education & Outreach – Diane Wilson, Council Member reported:

- The next DE State Fair is on July 2010. The 2009 Fair had many visitors. Diane thanked everyone for making it a success.
- Coast Day is on October 3, 2010. Council did not participate in 2009 because of scheduling conflicts. Council should participate this year.
- Trail Summit – February 25, 2010 at the Sands Hotel in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. This is the first statewide gathering of Trail users and advocates hosted by the DE Recreation Parks Society with sponsorship from the Division of Parks & Recreation, Council on Greenways & Trails, Merit Construction, Century Engineering, National Park Service, and other organizations. Registration is online.
- National Trails Day - June 5, 2010. The theme this year is '*Find Your Happy Place.*' Activities are on the American Hiking Society's website. Susan said she spoke with Ray Bivens who said State Park Naturalists were encouraged to create programs in State Parks. The Silver Lake St. Jones Committee is planning an event.
- Paperless Council: Diane asked Council's opinion on going paperless, to stop mailing out minutes and bringing extra copies to meetings and to accept minutes electronically. This would put us in the forefront of environmental awareness. Ms. Moerschel said the Governor's office is asking State departments to cut down on access paper use – there is no directive that says we cannot use paper but it is environmentally sound to send notices thru email. Paul Morrill, Chair, agreed and said Council should move towards this theme. Dave Bartoo said Council could use a projector for the agenda. Paul added that Council could continue using PowerPoint presentations and printing handouts.

Equestrian Community – Peggy Koster, Council Member:

- The Equine Council's mission is to promote, protect, and enhance the keeping of equine in Delaware.
- An updated table listing all equestrian trails in DE is available and published in the annual Equine directory and Delaware State Parks web site.

Mountain Biking – Jim Ireland, Council Member:

- Jim said he and 50 volunteers from the Delaware Trail Spinners (DTS) worked on several Newark trail projects. DTS completed connecting Paper-Mill Park (county-owned) to the Middle Run Crossing community; they constructed almost 400 feet of trail bridges; and an 85-foot fiberglass bridge spanning Middle Run within the Middle Run Natural Area. The latter project was created to protect in-stream flow and water quality. DTS distributes about 1000 bicycle bells annually. These are essential for safe trail sharing.
- This year, Jim will continue to work with Mr. Emerson on the Phase 2 and 3-trail development at Redd Park.

Bicycle Council – Mike Krumrine, Park Resource Office:

- Bike Council holds Meetings every first Wednesday of alternate months from 5p.m. to 7p.m. at DelDOT's Administration Building, Dover, DE.
- Because of the success of the Bicycle Summit in 2009, Anthony Aglio, DelDOT said there would be another summit this year on May 21, 2010 at Wilmington Grand Opera House. The Summit will be held in conjunction with the Wilmington Grand Prix.
- Complete Street's Policy – Governor Markell initiated this policy, which would have a future affect on major new, or repaired DelDOT roads as these projects will include facilities for cyclists and pedestrians. The caveat is that if the cost is too high or there is not much usage on a particular road, justifies not enacting on this policy. The Governor and DelDOT's Secretary have signed the Policy in May 2009. DelDOT is working on the policy's fine details - will take about a year to finalize - to be enacted into law.
- Three Foot passing – requires motorists to give safe passing to bicyclists – nothing in place at this time – Bill was voted on and passed in the Senate and is now in the House and will be voted on by end of the month.
- Council is actively looking for multiple lots to park bicycles.
- In two of its meetings, Council discussed the 'Idaho Law' in which a cyclist treats a stop sign as a yield sign and a red light as a stop sign. The use of the red light is not a factor at this time but the yield sign was discussed in several meetings.
- New Castle, Kent, and Sussex Cycling maps are being reprinted this year.
- The cell phone Bill is with General Assembly '*banning texting while driving.*'

Grants Review – 2009 Cycle – Bob Ehemann:

The Land and Water Conservation Fund act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578) established a fund appropriated by Congress to increase outdoor recreation opportunities for the American People. The program provides for (1) acquisition of lands for federally administered recreation areas; and (2) matching grants for State recreation planning, as well as local land acquisition and development. It also provides for 50 percent reimbursement assistance funds for the acquisition and development of outdoor recreation projects to all levels of government within the State of Delaware. There are three general categories for eligibility (1) Land Acquisitions, (2) Trail Development (3) Planning and Design. Maintenance projects are not eligible. Following is a breakdown of the 2009 DTF Grants Projects:

2009 DTF Trail Projects					
Sponsor	Name	DTF Request	Demonstrated Match	Committee Recommend	Description
Fenwick Island	Land acquisition water access	\$224,000	\$226,000	\$224,000	0.5 acre parcel (adjacent to Community Park) for public canoe/kayak access to the Little Assawoman Bay
Delaware City	Canal Promenade	\$200,000	\$2,000,000	\$200,000	Complete Canal Promenade (grade-separated brick pavers) to Route 9
Kent County	Kesselring Farm *	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	Second \$250,000 request for acquisition funds to acquire 60+ acres for a Kent County Park. Kent County Parks, DelDOT, and the Boys Scouts are collaborating to acquire the 139-acre farm.
Milford	Bike/Ped master plan	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	Develop a City bike/ped plan to connect residents to the Mispillion Riverwalk, schools, and business.

Ocean View	John West Park pathway	\$38,500	\$38,500	\$38,500	Create a pathway that connects West Ave to Central Ave to become an important node for pedestrians.
DTF request		\$737,500	\$2,539,500	\$737,500	
* Project Previously approved					

After discussions, Paul Morrill asked for a motion to accept the projects as presented. Diane Wilson made a motion and Jim Ireland seconded. Charlie Emerson and Paul Morrill went on record as abstaining from voting. Motion passed.

## Updates

### Statewide Trail Survey – Kendall Sommers:

Results and analysis for the 2009 Delaware Trail Survey was presented. Members of the Park Resource Office designed the survey questions. The survey began on 9/15/2009 and ended 11/30/2009 with 1803 completed surveys and 98% trail users. The program called Survey Monkey survey was use – an inexpensive online survey tool. A link to the survey is on the Delaware State Parks website. Represented in the survey responses were 16 states and 321 zip codes.

### State Parks Trail Projects – David Bartoo, Park Resource Office:

- Draft White Clay Creek State Park Trail Plan: David discussed and presented slides of the ongoing trail projects, plans and their status. When planning a trail, three sustainable factors are observed, economic, social, and environmental. WCCP has a diverse landscape with the highest density trail miles in any of the protected areas in Delaware. Another phase is being planned. The Rapid Assessment Visitor Inventory (RAVI) survey was conducted in June 2009 at WCCSP to glean information on trail users on shared-use trails.

## Announcements

Next Council meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2010 at Dover Public Archives starting at 9:30AM.

## Adjourn

Mr. Morrill asked for a motion to adjourn. Diane Wilson made a motion and Jim Ireland seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:40p.m.

### Meeting Attendance

#### Appointed Members

Paul Morrill, Chair  
Charles Emerson  
James Ireland  
Peggy Koster  
Gail VanGilder  
Diane Wilson

#### Agency Members

Anthony Aglio, DelDOT  
Austin Short, DOA

#### Guests

Kate Layton, Kent County MPO

#### Division of Parks and Recreation Staff

David Bartoo  
Bob Ehemann  
Mike Krumrine  
Don Long  
Susan Moerschel  
Kendall Sommers